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PATENT APPLICATION

Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 3726

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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR RIVETING OR PIERCING AND A DEVICE FOR

CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.